



## **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E**

**TENLEYTOWN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK  
FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS**

c/o Lisner Home 5425 Western Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20015

### **Resolution Supporting Request by Dog Owners of DPR to Codify Use of Chevy Chase Park for Dogs.**

**WHEREAS,** On July 15, 2009, members of a contingent representing a large group of dog owners that use the facilities at Chevy Chase Park came before ANC 3E to ask that we support their request to the Department of Parks and Recreation (“DPR”) that the baseball field at Chevy Chase Park be codified as a mixed-use field (between the hours of 6:00-8:30), one that would legally serve dogs and their owners when the field is otherwise not being used by ball players, and others. And in addition we request a small fenced in area elsewhere in the park (for times outside of those permitted on the field) that would serve as an all day dog run.

**WHEREAS,** The dog owners will form a non-profit, cooperative that will help regulate use to ensure that dog owners act responsibly and in a manner that respects city property and other uses of the field. Towards that end, dog owners will care for the field in a way to mitigate any negative impacts that might interfere with other uses of the field, including the ability to play baseball.

**WHEREAS,** Each member of this cooperative will contribute money to the non-profit that will be used to hire an outside service to provide additional care for the field as needed.

**WHEREAS,** The cooperative, and Cap City will work with DPR to draft rules regarding usage and clean-up procedures. Members of the group will be expected to internally enforce the rules as they are and will not allow anyone to use the field in a manner that violates those rules.

**WHEREAS,** This is not a new concept. Other cities in the United States have implemented similar rules to facilitate multi-use of limited green space.

**WHEREAS**, DC's dog park code allows for legal mixed-use (dog/human) areas as well as dog only areas of a certain size.

**WHEREAS**, Dog owners do not have adequate areas in the District to exercise and socialize their dogs.

**WHEREAS**, This field is an ideal space for this usage.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That ANC 3E supports the request made by the dog owners that the baseball field at Chevy Chase Park be codified as a mixed-use field (between the hours of 6-8:30AM), one that would legally serve dogs and their owners (when the field is otherwise not being used), ball players, and others, and a fenced in dog park be provided for 24 hr usage, and a zero tolerance enforcement policy be in place on the field at any other time.

ANC 3E approved this resolution at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 15, 2009, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present. The resolution was approved by a vote of 4-0 with 1 abstaining. Commissioners Jon Bender, Mathew Frumin, Sam Serebin, Beverly Sklover and Lucy Eldridge were present.

  
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Jonathan Bender, Chair, ANC 3E